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Monday, 20 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 37th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/58/356/Add.1) . . . . . [8 and 125]
2. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Part I) . . . . . [12]
3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/344) [40 (a) to (e)]: *joint debate*

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/89, A/58/434)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/133, A/58/224, A/58/225, A/58/273, A/58/280, A/58/285, A/58/286, A/58/358)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/332)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/320)

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/88 and A/58/88/Corr.1)

Tenth emergency special session

3 p.m. . . . . 21st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory . . . . . [5]

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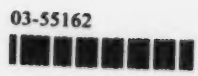

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 80:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 62* (A/58/202, A/C.1/58/L.32); *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11); *item 66* (A/C.1/58/L.6); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item* 68 (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.22); *item 71* (A/C.1/58/L.8); *item 72* (A/C.1/58/L.44); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406. A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.2, A/C.1/58/L.4, A/C.1/58/L.9, A/C.1/58/L.10, A/C.1/58/L.12, A/C.1/58/L.14, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.31, A/C.1/58/L.34, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.38, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.41, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.45, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.49, A/C.1/58/L.51, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.13, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.36); *item75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.5, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item76* (A/58/259; A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); *item 77* (A/58/163, A/C.1/58/L.50); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42); *item 79* (A/58/385, A/C.1/58/L.52); and *item 80* (A/C.1/58/L.37) (other documents (A/ C.1/58/1, A/ C.1/58/2, A/ C.1/58/3 and A/ C.1/58/INF.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [85]
2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/58/20 and A/58/174) [82]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/58/3 (Part I), A/58/210, A/58/204, A/58/337, A/58/362, A/C.2/58/5 and A/C.2/58/6) . [95]

United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development . . . . . [96]

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/58/3 (Part I), A/58/170, A/58/303, A/58/304 and A/C.2/58/4)

Introduction and general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) . . . . . [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4

2. Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/58/3 (Part I), A/58/210, A/58/204, A/58/337, A/58/362, A/C.2/58/5 and A/C.2/58/6) . [95]

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Conclusion of general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/58/272, A/58/282, A/58/328, A/58/329 and A/58/420[1]) . . . . . [113]

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/58/272, A/58/282, A/58/328, A/58/329 and A/58/420[1]) . . . . . [113]

Introductory statement by and dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/58/37, A/58/37/Corr.1, A/58/116, A/58/116/Add.1, A/58/78-S/2003/541, A/58/94-S/2003/642, A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/271-S/2003/808, A/58/302, A/58/315-S/2003/845, A/58/361-S/2003/877, A/58/390-S/2003/916, A/58/424-S/2003/972, A/58/425-S/2003/976 and A/C.6/58/L.10) [156]

2. Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/57/736 and A/C.6/58/L.7) . . [128]

3. International Criminal Court (A/58/372) . . . . . [154]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. International Criminal Court (A/58/372) . . . . . [154]

2. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (A/58/73, A/C.6/58/L.2, A/C.6/58/L.8 and A/C.6/58/L.9) . . . . . [158]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)

2. Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system

3. Discussion on the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and the pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Monday, 20 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Other meetings

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Monday, 20 October 2003

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on draft resolutions on the World Summit for Social Development, ageing and INSTRAW)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (b), 93 (a) and 93 (c))*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (*briefing on international cooperation in tax matters)*

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(briefing by Mr. Barry Herman on debt issues; agenda items 91 (f), 91 (e), 91 (d) and 50); and other matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal meeting on a draft resolution entitled "The girl child" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (agenda item 107) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Morocco and of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 117 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Panel discussion on "Global Action to Prevent War"

There will be a panel discussion on "Global Action to Prevent War", sponsored by the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, in cooperation with the Department for Disarmament Affairs, on Monday, 20 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 20 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 20 October 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 38th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 39th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/344) [40 (a) to (e)]: *joint debate*

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/89, A/58/434)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/133, A/58/224, A/58/225, A/58/273, A/58/280, A/58/285, A/58/286, A/58/358)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/332)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/320)

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/88 and A/58/88/Corr.1)

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/333) . . . . . [41]

3. Towards global partnerships: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/227) . . . . . [46]

4. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/359) . . . . . [50]

5. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/136) . . . . . [51]

6. Global road safety crisis: report by the Secretary-General (A/58/228) . . . . . [160]

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held as follows: Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and Wednesday and Thursday, 22 and 23 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Panel discussion on "International Cooperation in Tax Matters"

There will be a panel discussion on "International Cooperation in Tax Matters", chaired by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte, and co-chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Abdel H. Bouab, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8406); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695).

Panel discussion on "Microcredit, Poverty Eradication and the Empowerment of Women"

A panel discussion on "Microcredit, Poverty Eradication and the Empowerment of Women", organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 23 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include H.E. Mrs. María Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Mr. Rupert Scofield, Executive Director of the Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA); Mr. Normand Lauzon, Executive Director of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF); and Mr. René Azokli, Managing Director of PADME.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Panel discussion on "Partnerships"

There will be a panel discussion on "Partnerships", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Information and communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force and Chairman and CEO of TAGO; Mr. Robert Coultas, Representative of Rotary International to the United Nations; Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Head, Global Compact Office; and Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP).

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

There will be a meeting of the resumed substantive session 2003, on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[1]) [1]

Elections[2]:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[1] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] To be issued.

[2] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973).

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 (*briefing by H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; and on environment and sustainable development issues)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*briefing by H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; and on environment and sustainable development issues)* on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Netherlands)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Netherlands, as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 and 22 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and Thursday, 23 October from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Presentation of the results of evaluations on bilateral participation in PRSP processes

There will be a presentation of the results of evaluations on bilateral participation in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) processes, organized by the Permanent Missions of Germany and Switzerland, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Creation of a global culture of cybersecurity" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be an informal briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Creation of a global culture of cybersecurity" (agenda item 91 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the informal exchange of views on the methods of work of the First Committee

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the informal exchange of views on the methods of work of the First Committee on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (agenda item 105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (agenda item 105), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, as follows: Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5; Wednesday, 22 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and Friday, 24 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Pacific Islands Forum: Working Group on Oceans *(Sixth Committee experts)*

The Working Group on Oceans of the Pacific Islands Forum *(Sixth Committee experts)* will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 22 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Symposia on population and development

The Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations are jointly organizing four symposia, to be held at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium I on "Population and the Millennium Development Goals": Wednesday, 22 October 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m, in a conference room to be announced;

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

Panel discussion on "Reducing the Risks Posed by Biological Weapons"

A panel discussion on "Reducing the Risks Posed by Biological Weapons", sponsored by the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, in cooperation with the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will take place on Thursday, 23 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 23 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Asian Group

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group on Friday, 24 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Annual hearing for Parliamentarians attending the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The annual hearing for Parliamentarians attending the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will open the meeting with the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. All members of the United Nations community are invited to attend as observers. For further information, including the complete programme and list of speakers, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter, Permanent Observer Office of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail am@mail.ipu.org).

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; H.E. Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained at the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 17 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

36th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter)(A/58/440) [124]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General concerning 12 Members States that were in arrears in the payment of their financial contribution to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership o the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [56]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 56.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Colombia and Yemen, as well as by H.E. Mr. Raza Hayat Hiraj, Minister of State for Information Technology of Pakistan, and the representatives of Denmark, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Guyana.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer for Palestine.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 56.

Report of the Security Council (A/58/2) . . . . . [11]

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/58/2).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of consideration of agenda item 11.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, the Republic of Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Guyana, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mozambique, Jamaica, the United States, Kuwait, Eritrea, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Serbia and Montenegro, Cyprus and Morocco.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

14th meeting

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme (1996-2005)

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(f) Protection of the Global Climate for present and future generations of mankind

(g) Sustainable mountain development

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Tuvalu, Nepal, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), South Africa, Azerbaijan, San Marino, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Israel, Australia, Andorra, Gabon, Ethiopia and Nigeria.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin . . . . . [92[

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2

The representative of Morocco introduced and orally revised tthe draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006). . . . . [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.3

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

At the request of the representative of Switzerland, the Committee approved an extension of the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 94 (g) to Thursday, 23 October, at 6 p.m.

The representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan made statements in the exercise of the rights of reply.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on item 94 and sub-items (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and (g).

Third Committee

15th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000, gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [111]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Belarus, India, Myanmar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Philippines, Armenia, New Zealand, Liechtenstein, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Morocco, Israel, Cambodia, Romania, Uganda, Nepal, Cameroon, Ghana, Zambia and Afghanistan.

16th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 110 and 111 and heard statements by the representatives of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (Habitat) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Proposal to invite the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Territories, to address the Third Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement regarding financial implications of the proposal.

The Committee then voted on the proposal, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 140 to 2, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Malaysia and Pakistan.

After the vote, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba made statements.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children. . . . . . [113]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF.

The Committee held a dialogue with the speakers, in which the following delegations took part: Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Afghanistan, Mexico, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Myanmar, Azerbaijan, Cuba and Kuwait.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Switzerland, Peru, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Norway.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 113 is Tuesday, 21 October, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

7th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [156]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia, Belarus, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Yemen, the Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Suriname, Kenya, Algeria, Mali, Malaysia, Swaziland, Kuwait, Morocco, South Africa, the United States and Mongolia.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156 and heard statements by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Myanmar, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Jordan, China, Madagascar, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN), Armenia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, the Russian Federation, New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Brazil, Australia, Guatemala, Qatar, Oman, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Maldives, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, the Niger and Kazakhstan.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Acceptance of reservation made by Jamaica on 17 October 2002: (17 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, will be the speaker.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "The Future of Disarmament and Arms Control: Civil Society's Role". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 23 October 2003, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Costa Rica
H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte

Western European and other States:
Spain
H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias

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President of the General Assembly:
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General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/58/251*	Reissued for technical reasons [S (only)]
A/58/356/Add.1	Items 8 and 125 — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Pattern of conferences — Letter dated 13 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/364	Item 132 of the provisional agenda — Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/372	Item 156 of the provisional agenda — International Criminal Court — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/401	Item 91 (g) — Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities — Report of the Meeting of Eminent Persons on Commodity Issues — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/426	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/434 Item 40 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/58/L.6 Item 66 — Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) — 32-Power draft resolution — Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.7 Item 74 (c) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly — Costa Rica: draft resolution — United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.8 Item 71 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — 12-Power draft resolution — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.9 Item 73 (r) — General and complete disarmament: regional disarmament — 10-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.10 Item 73 (s) — General and complete disarmament: conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels — 6-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.11 Item 65 — Nigeria: draft resolution — African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.12 Item 73 (b) — General and complete disarmament: prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes — Nigeria: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.13 Item 74 (d) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa — Nigeria: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.14 Item 73 (k) — General and complete disarmament: establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia — Uzbekistan: draft decision [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.16 item 73 (i) — General and complete disarmament: national legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology — The Netherlands: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/58/L.6 Item 19 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman — Question of Western Sahara [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/58/L.3 — Item 98 — Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) — Morocco: draft resolution — Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.14 — Item 108 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — 6-Power draft resolution — Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/962	Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/964	Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/965	Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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